

# **FACT SHEET**

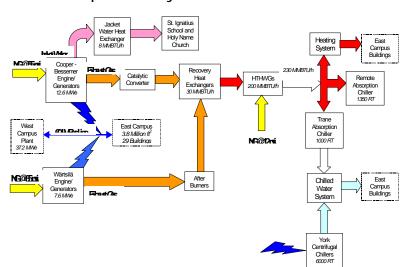
# University of Illinois at Chicago Cooling, Heating, and Power Facility (CHP)

## **Site Description**

The East Campus CHP Facility at the University of Illinois at Chicago provides  $20.2~\mathrm{MW_e}$ ; enough to meet the electrical demand of the entire East Campus. The recovered heat from the generation of that electricity supplies  $38~\mathrm{MMBTU/h}$  to offset the heating and cooling requirements of more than  $3.8~\mathrm{million}$  square feet in  $29~\mathrm{campus}$  buildings. Early in 2002, a second plant began operation on the West campus that provides an additional  $37.2~\mathrm{MW_e}$  and offset the heating and steam demands of the several hospitals and other buildings on the West Campus. Ultimately the University will operate the total  $57.4~\mathrm{MW_e}$  system as a single plant providing service to the entire University's  $8~\mathrm{million}$  square feet and a student population of over 27,000.

## Cooling, Heating, and Power for Buildings (BCHP) Configuration

#### East Campus CHP System



#### Original 12.6 MW East Campus Plant (1993)

Total Cost: \$15M

Original Goal: Payback in 10 years

Actual Performance: Payback in 7.5

years

Operating Savings: Approximately

\$2M/yr

#### Additional 7.6 MW East Campus Plant

[Includes 1000 Ton Absorption Chiller] (2000)
Total Cost: \$10.7M

Original Goal: Designed for a

payback of 10 years

Actual Performance: First full year of

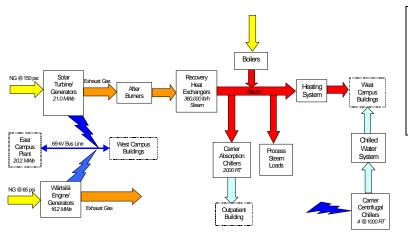
operation will be

2001

Operating Savings: Year 2000 – \$1.9M

savings even with all time high gas prices.

#### West Campus CHP System



#### New 37.2 MW West Campus Plant (Late

2001)

Total Cost: \$38M

Original Goal: Designed for a payback

of 7 years

Actual Performance: First full year of

operation will be 2002
Operating Savings: Estimated annual

savings of \$7M

# **Energy/Financial Statistics**

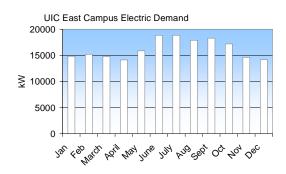


Figure 1: Monthly Electric Demand

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	BOH	PPlant	Bas	eline		
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Sold electricity	\$	135,858		NΑ		
St Ignatius School	\$	70,827		NΑ		
GENERAL EXPENSES						
Salaries	\$	204,619	\$	204,619		
ELECTRICAL EXPENSES						
Electricity Wages	\$	481,400		N/A		
Electricity Fuel Oil	\$	177,477		N/A		
Electricity Gas	\$	3,804,883		N/A		
ComEd Electricity	\$	1,131,845	\$	6,710,545		
Electricity Water/Sewer (a)	\$	57,723		N/A		
Maintenance	\$	120,000		N/A		
HEATING & COOLING EXPENSES						
Heating & Cooling Wages	\$	886,600	\$	886,600		
Heating & Cooling Fuel Oil	\$	-	\$	-		
Heating & Cooling Gas	\$	1,674,764	\$	2,462,380		
Heating & Cooling Water/Sever (b)	\$	52,437	\$	52,437		
Maintenance	\$	58,200	\$	58,200		
TO	STAL \$	8,443,263	\$	10,374,782		

**Financial Comparison Baseline and BCHP Plant** 

#### **Additional Considerations**

Taking into consideration replacement of electricity and recovered thermal energy, the CHP facility provides an overall source energy reduction of 14.15% (236,856 MMBTU/y). The CHP system also represents an estimated 28.5% (29,545 tons/y) reduction in  $CO_2$ , a 52.8% (126 tons/yr) reduction in  $NO_X$ , and an 89.1% (551 tons/y) reduction in  $SO_2$ .

This project was totally financed by the University with no federal, state, or utility subsidies.

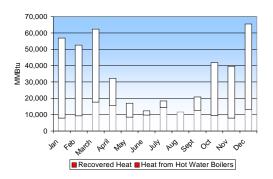


Figure 2: Annual Energy Provided

Based on total costs, CHP provides an estimated savings of \$1,931,518, which correlates to a 18.62% savings for the year 2000. However, these savings are lower than experienced in previous years because natural gas costs during several of the months of 2000 were uncharacteristically high. The estimated savings based on various gas prices are provided below.

Natural Gas Average Price [\$/MMBTU]	Savings		
2.5	36.18%	\$3,349,512	
3.0	31.80%	\$3,029,657	
3.5	27.66%	\$2,709,802	
4.0	23.74%	\$2,389,947	
4.5	20.03%	\$2,070,093	
4.68	18.62%	\$1,931,518	
5.0	16.50%	\$1,750,238	

**Savings for Various Natural Gas Average Prices** 



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